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In re application of: Atsushi SUZUKI et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

--3.(Amended) The air filter as claimed in Claim 1,
further comprising an additional layer.

4.(Amended) The air filter as claimed in Claim 1,
wherein:
said first filter layer has a pore size of from 70 mm to 120
mm and said second filter layer has a pore size of from 100 mm
to 180 mm.

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